



*Town of*

COLRAIN

MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Report, 1950





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
**COLRAIN**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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# TOWN WARRANT

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Colrain

in the County of Franklin,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the **Memorial Hall** in said Town on **Monday the Fifth day of February** next, at **10:00 o'clock** in the **forenoon**, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your vote on one ballot for the following officers: One Town Clerk for one year; One Town Treasurer for one year: One Selectman for three years: One Assessor for three years: One School Committee for three years: One Commissioner of Chandler Hill and Christian Hill Cemeteries for three years: Two Library Trustees for three years: One Tree Warden for one year: One Tax Collector for three years: Three Fence Viewers for one year: One Field Driver for one year: Three Constables for one year: One Auditor for one year. Three Caucus Committee Members for one year.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of various town officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to make the following appropriations and raise by taxation the required amount or pass any vote in relation thereto.

Sec. 1. Bridges	\$4,000.00
Sec. 2. Railings	400.00
Sec. 3. Street Lights	875.00
Sec. 4. Schools	61,575.00
Sec. 5. Vocational Education	5,000.00
Sec. 6. Public Welfare	5,000.00
Sec. 7. Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Sec. 8. Old Age Assistance	14,000.00
Sec. 9. Soldiers' Benefits	1,000.00
Sec. 10. Well Child Conference	50.00
Sec. 11. Board of Health	200.00
Sec. 12. Agent of Board of Health	75.00



Sec. 13.	School, District and Substitute Nurse	2,200.00
Sec. 14.	All Other Town Officers	800.00
Sec. 15.	Incidentals	1,000.00
Sec. 16.	Office Expenses	600.00
Sec. 17.	Surety Bonds	165.00
Sec. 18.	Memorial Day	125.00
Sec. 19.	Library	800.00
Sec. 20.	Workmen's Compensation	700.00
Sec. 21.	Insurance on Town Buildings	60.00
Sec. 22.	Fire Protection	450.00
Sec. 23.	Treatment of Dog Bites as Required by Law	50.00
Sec. 24.	Care of Public Dump	100.00
Sec. 25.	Moth Work	400.00
Sec. 26.	Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Sec. 27.	Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	50.00
Sec. 28.	Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Sec. 29.	Town Lots—Branch Cemetery	50.00
Sec. 30.	Use of Memorial Hall	500.00
Sec. 31.	Fire Pumper Maintenance and Equipment	1,000.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,565.00 therefor or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen	\$400.00
Second Member of the Board of Selectmen	300.00
Third Member of the Board of Selectmen	300.00
Chairman of the Board of Assessors	250.00
Second Member of the Board of Assessors	250.00
Third Member of the Board of Assessors	250.00
Chairman of the School Committee	100.00
Second Member of the School Committee	100.00
Third Member of the School Committee	100.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Town Treasurer	550.00
Tax Collector	425.00
Constables, First	20.00
Second	20.00
Third	20.00
Tree Warden	15.00
Moderator	15.00

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90, Construction or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90, Maintenance or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as posted by the Selectmen or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Finance Committee as recommended by the Selectmen or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, within a year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than a year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for Defense or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for Winter Roads or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Land Damage on the property of William Purrington or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for Insurance on Town Trucks or take any action in relation thereto.



ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will appropriate from the Merrifield Fund the sum of \$2,000.00 for Construction and Maintenance of the so-called Taylor Brook Road or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Assessors Overlay Reserve the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum or sums of money for payment of Principle of School Loan plus interest or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three citizens of Colrain to study the contents of the 1950 Colrain Town Report and make such recommendations to the Selectmen by March 1, 1951, as may be practical and necessary to assure the citizens of Colrain a more detailed and enlightening account of the expenditures of public monies or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund any sum or sums of money for exchanging trucks, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Maintenance of Machinery or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Traffic Signs or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of reducing the 1951 Tax Rate, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund a sum or sums of money to Purchase a Truck Snow Plow or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.



ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to hold the Annual Business Meeting in the evening or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to change the place or places for Posting Town Meeting Warrants or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the Care of the Veterans' Graves or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Available Funds in the Treasury any sum or sums of money for the purpose of purchasing an All-Wheel Drive Truck and Snow Plow, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to grant permission to the Selectmen to sell the Lumber on the so-called Carey Place which is owned by the town or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at four usual places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty one.

DONALD G. SHEARER,  
LEON E. HERZIG,  
CALVIN P. CALL,  
Selectmen of Colrain.

A true copy. Attest:

DONALD G. SHEARER, Constable.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	4,250.00	
State Contract	23,375.00	
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	27,625.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.35	
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Unexpended	27,625.35	

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	1,000.00	
County Contract	1,000.00	
State Contract	1,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	30.94	
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	3,030.49	
Expended	3,030.49	

## CHAPTER 90, CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation	1,500.00	
County Contract	1,500.00	
State Contract	3,000.00	
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	6,000.00	
Expended	5,999.53	
Unexpended		.47

## MERRIFIELD FUND

Received	2,000.00	
Expended	1,998.36	
Unexpended	<hr/>	1.64

## BRIDGES

Town Appropriation	4,000.00	
Expended	1,811.21	
Unexpended	<hr/>	2,188.79

## RAILINGS

Town Appropriation	400.00	
Expended	284.10	
Unexpended	<hr/>	115.90

## SNOW

Town Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expended	1,189.59	
Unexpended	<hr/>	1,810.41



<b>SANDING</b>			
Town Appropriation	1,500.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund	643.15		
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Expended	2,143.15		
<b>MACHINERY MAINTENANCE</b>			
Town Appropriation	3,000.00		
Town Appropriation—Special Town Meeting	1,000.00		
Transferred from Reserve Fund	353.95		
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Expended	4,353.95		
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>			
Town Appropriation	875.00		
Expended	850.08		
Unexpended	<hr/>		24.92
<b>QUINTUS ALLEN FUND</b>			
Balance of 1949	244.70		
Received during 1950	350.00		
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	594.70		
Expended	95.66		
Balance carried forward	<hr/>		499.04
<b>FIRE PROTECTION</b>			
Town Appropriation	450.00		
Expended	263.00		
Unexpended balance	<hr/>		187.00
<b>FIRE PUMPER</b>			
Town Appropriation	1,200.00		
Expended	642.02		
Unexpended balance	<hr/>		557.98
<b>INSURANCE ON TOWN TRUCKS</b>			
Town Appropriation	131.10		
Expended	131.10		
<b>CARE OF DUMP</b>			
Town Appropriation	100.00		
Expended	40.00		
Unexpended	<hr/>		60.00
<b>WELFARE DISTRICT</b>			
Town Appropriation	1,050.00		
Expended	1,000.00		
Unexpended	<hr/>		50.00

### PUBLIC WELFARE

Town Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Transferred from the Reserve Fund	94.48	
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Expended	\$ 5,094.48	
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS: O. A. A.</b>		
1949 Balance	\$ 2,036.63	
Received during 1950	12,133.14	
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	\$ 14,169.77	
Expended	13,330.25	
Balance carried forward	<hr/>	\$ 839.52

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 14,000.00	
Expended	13,914.45	
Unexpended balance	<hr/>	\$ 85.55
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS: A. D. C.</b>		
1949 Balance	177.86	
Received during 1950	889.98	
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	\$ 1,067.84	
Expended	742.44	
Balance carried forward	<hr/>	\$ 325.40

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	1,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	7.50	
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	\$ 1,507.50	

### FEDERAL GRANTS: O. A. A. ADM.

1949 Balance	141.57	
Received during 1950	280.10	
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	\$ 421.67	
Expended	152.67	
Balance carried forward	<hr/>	269.00

### FEDERAL GRANTS: A. D. C. ADM.

1949 Balance	90.41	
Received during 1950	17.44	
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Balance carried forward		107.85

### SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Town Appropriation	1,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	482.83	
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Expended	1,482.83	



### INCIDENTALS

Town Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expended	891.50	
Unexpended balance		108.50

### OFFICE EXPENSE

Town Appropriation	600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.82	
Expended	600.82	

### SCHOOLS

Town Appropriation	57,011.00	
Town Appropriation—Special Town Meeting	1,200.00	
	58,211.00	
Expended	58,107.70	
Unexpended balance		103.30

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Town Appropriation	4,000.00	
Town Appropriation—Special Town Meeting	1,200.00	
	5,200.00	
Expended	5,180.06	
Unexpended balance		19.94

### SCHOOL AND DISTRICT NURSE

Town Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expended	2,000.00	

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOAN

	185,000.00	
Premium on Loan	2,847.15	
	187,847.15	
Expended	58,673.09	
Unexpended balance		129,174.06

### WELFARE AGENT

Town Appropriation	600.00	
Transferred to Welfare Administration (District)	400.00	
	200.00	
Expended	200.00	

### TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriations:	3,365.00	
Selectmen	1,000.00	

Assessors	750.00	
School Committee	300.00	
Town Clerk	400.00	
Town Treasurer	450.00	
Tax Collector	375.00	
Constables	60.00	
Tree Warden	15.00	
Moderator	15.00	
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Expended	3,365.00	
<b>OTHER TOWN OFFICERS</b>		
Town Appropriation	800.00	
Expended	656.25	
Unexpended	<hr/>	43.75
<b>MOTH WORK</b>		
Town Appropriation	400.00	
Expended	400.00	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>		
Town Appropriation	200.00	
Expended	50.00	
Unexpended balance	<hr/>	150.00
<b>WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION</b>		
Town Appropriation	825.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	72.80	
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Expended	897.80	
<b>WELL CHILD CONFERENCE</b>		
Town Appropriation	50.00	
Expended	50.00	
<b>AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH</b>		
Town Appropriation	75.00	
Expended	75.00	
<b>SURETY BONDS</b>		
Town Appropriation	165.00	
Expended	118.75	
Unexpended	<hr/>	46.25
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>		
Town Appropriation	125.00	
Expended	110.62	
Unexpended	<hr/>	4.38



### INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Town Appropriation	60.00	
Expended	49.65	
Unexpended		10.35

### INSURANCE ON SEALS AND SCALES

Town Appropriation	52.80	
Expended	47.10	
Unexpended		5.70

### MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS

Library	800.00	
Collector's Expense	8.00	
Chandler Hill Cemetery	50.00	
Christian Hill Cemetery	25.00	
Town Lots—Branch Cemetery	25.00	
Memorial Hall	500.00	
1949 School Appropriation	4,405.15	
1949 Vocational Education	1,837.34	
Refund on 1949 Taxes	64.10	
Collector's Costs—1949	17.50	
Veteran's Center	444.00	
Wildcat Bounty	30.00	
Overpayment to Treasurer, 1949 Excise	2.00	
Overpayment to Treasurer, 1949 Taxes	.66	
Cemetery Dividends:		
Brick	21.08	
North River	3.51	
County Tax	6,638.60	
State Parks	176.90	
Auditing	413.67	
1950 Collector's Costs	52.10	
County Retirement	166.44	
State Reservations	19.22	
Withholding Tax Deductions	2,843.12	
Mass. Teacher's Retirement Deductions	1,223.21	
County Retirement System Deductions	307.13	
1949 Excise Refunds	17.87	
1950 Excise Refunds	106.11	
Personal Property Refunds	9.00	
Real Estate Refunds	5.62	
Dog Licenses	466.40	
Total Payments		\$239,834.28

### RESERVE FUND

Appropriation from Assessor's Overlay		
Reserve	2,000.00	
Welfare Appropriation	94.48	

Aid to Dependent Children	7.50	
Soldier's Benefits	482.83	
Sanding	643.15	
Maintenance Chapter 90	30.49	
Chapter 81 Highways	.35	
Office Expense	.82	
Machinery Maintenance	353.95	
Workmen's Compensation	72.80	
	<hr/>	1,686.37
Unexpended balance		<hr/> 313.63

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD G. SHEARER, Chairman,

LEON E. HERZIG, Clerk,

CALVIN P. CALL,

Board of Selectmen.

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## JURY LIST

Frank A. Brown	Farmer
Ellsworth Booker	Textile Worker
Herbert Saunders	Textile Worker
Raymond Nichols	Textile Worker
Edward B. Stowe	Farmer
Lafave Gammell	Textile Worker
Lewis Baily	Painter
William B. Call	Farmer
Wilbert Herzig	Truck Driver
Robert Marshall	Farmer
Frederick J. Call	Garage Man
Merritt E. Booth	Mill Worker
Osdin R. Lynde	Farmer
Kenneth Barnes, Sr.	Farmer

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## LIST of FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clifford W. Avery	Thomas White
Lawrence E. Shearer	Herbert F. C. Nichols
Charles J. Carpenter	Lawrence J. Lively
Charles E. Martin	Robert E. Coombs

Carl V. Sewall



# APPROPRIATIONS

## Recommended by the Finance Committee

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Highway, Chapter 81	\$ 4,250.00
Construction, Chapter 90	1,500.00
Maintenance, Chapter 90	1,000.00
Bridges	4,000.00
Railings	400.00
Street Lights	875.00
Schools	61,575.00
Vocational Education	5,000.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00
Soldiers' Benefits	1,000.00
Well Child Conference	50.00
Board of Health	200.00
Agent of Board of Health	75.00
School and District Substitute Nurse	2,200.00
All other Town Officers	800.00
Incidentals	1,000.00
Office Expense	600.00
Surety Bonds	165.00
Memorial Day	125.00
Library	800.00
Workmen's Compensation	700.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	60.00
Fire Protection	450.00
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Moth Work	400.00
Collector's Expense on Tax Titles	25.00
Chandler Hill Cemetery and Church Lot	50.00
Christian Hill Cemetery	35.00
Town Lots-Branch Cemetery	50.00

Use of Memorial Hall	500.00
Fire Pumper Maintenance and Equipment	1,000.00
Selectmen	1,000.00
Assessors	750.00
School Committee	300.00
Town Clerk	450.00
Town Treasurer	550.00
Tax Collector	425.00
Constables	60.00
Tree Warden	15.00
Moderator	15.00
	<hr/> \$112,600.00

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued, 1950:

Males, 124 at \$2.00	\$	248.00	
Females, 25 at \$5.00		125.00	
Spayed, 63 at \$2.00		126.00	
Kennel, 1 at \$10.00		10.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 509.00
Fees retained, 213 at \$ .20	\$	42.60	
Payments to Treasurer		466.40	
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Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH,

Town Clerk.

## SPORTING LICENSES

Licenses issued, 1950:

Resident Citizens' Fishing, 81 at \$2.00	\$	162.00	
Resident Citizens' Hunting, 101 at \$2.00		202.00	
Resident Citizens' Sporting, 145 at \$3.25		471.25	
Resident Citizens' Minor and Female Fishing, 48 at \$1.25		60.00	
Resident Citizens' Trapping, 2 at \$5.25		10.50	
Resident Citizens' Minor Trapping, 1 at \$2.25		2.25	
Special Non-Resident Fishing, 2 at \$1.50		3.00	
Non-Resident Fishing, 6 at \$5.25		31.50	
Non-Resident Hunting, 6 at \$10.25		61.50	
Duplicates, 3 at \$ .50		1.50	
Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting, 1 at \$2.00		2.00	
Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping, 20, Free		.....	
Resident Citizens' Military or Naval Sporting, 3, Free		.....	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,007.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$	909.25	
Fees Retained	\$	98.25	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,007.50

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH,

Town Clerk.



## BIRTHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1950

Date	Name of Child	Parents
February 19—	David Rockwell Gilderdale	William O. Gilderdale Ruth Donelson
February 22—	Linda Jane Coutu	Everett Marshall Coutu Rebecca Mae Ainsworth
March 1—	Peter Harland Richardson	Roy H. Richardson Marilyn T. Miller
March 2—	Richard Francis LaPierre	Francis LaPierre Esther Davenport
March 25—	Dennis Merle Stetson	Merle Ellsworth Stetson June Eva Lanoue
April 1—	Kenneth Edgar Nichols	Herbert Francis Cary Nichols May Arlene Parker
April 22—	Glenda Ruth Underwood	Robert Underwood Charlotte Looman
May 19—	Mary Ellen Tirrell	Fred Summer Tirrell Mary Jane Bray
June 3—	Deborah Mary Hollister	John G. Hollister Amy Irvin
June 12—	Carol Ann Lively	Alphonse Lively Rita Sheridan
June 27—	Beth Wheeler Goodell	William E. Goodell Pauline Wheeler
July 25—	Rosemary Lively	Roderick Lively Margaret Benson
July 30—	Faye Bessie Cady	Herbert C. Cady Alice M. Rosenberg
August 23—	Daniel Leo Maloney	Joseph T. Maloney Anne Metelica
August 30—	Sharron Anne Wright	Rodney Ernest Wright Lenore Elsie Stebbins
September 3—	Infant Hager	Sanford Hager Ruth E. Garland
September 29—	Jane Elizabeth Goodell	Robert Brownson Goodell Leola May Smith
September 29—	Alan Raymond Ainsworth	Raymond Ainsworth Katherine Goldthwaite
October 8—	Gail Marie Stanley	Wesley Arthur Stanley Mabel Melvina Brissette
October 15—	Alice Virginia Woodward	Warren Thomas Woodward Marion Louise Johns

October	15—Lorna Florence Herzig	Theodore R. Herzig Erna Catherine Francis
October	18—James Herbert Purington	Herbert George Purington Barbara Ellen Page
November	6—Donald Edward Gadreault	Donald Gadreault Eunice Perrault
November	7—Francis Walter Giguere	Walter J. Giguere Evelyn Hall
November	10—Barbara Jean Ryan	William Ryan Florence Pike
November	13—Annette Denise Bosley	Gordon R. Bosley Doris A. Corbiere
November	24—Deborah Jane Pike	Sherman Pike Elizabeth Taylor
December	4—Delaine Sandra Miner	John Wood Miner Luella May Walden
December	6—Pamela Jayne Billings	Robert George Billings Eleanor Elsie Gray
December	12—Charles John Crosier	Ralph E. Crosier Frances B. Brewer

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## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN COLRAIN IN THE YEAR 1950

Date	Contracting Parties	by Whom and Where Married
February:		
4—	Donald Ellsworth Young Helen Ada Herzig	Rev. Leonard B. Burke Colrain, Mass.
11—	Roland Harvey Gadreault Marion Louise Alases	Rev. J. H. Casey Greenfield, Mass.
17—	William H. Ryan Florence M. Pike	Frank Oldridge Colrain, Mass.
April:		
29—	Frank John Gwosch Arlene Edith Herzig	Rev. Leonard B. Burke Colrain, Mass.
May:		
6—	Joseph Anthony Peters Loretta Veronice LaPierre	Rev. George J. Friel Colrain, Mass.
27—	Thomas Horrocks Louise M. Wilde	Rev. John J. Foley Buckland, Mass.

June :

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| 18—Frederick J. Herzig<br>Vivian M. Cady          | Rev. R. W. Pritchard<br>Buckland, Mass. |
| 19—Sylvane LaPierre<br>Dorella E. Lively          | Rev. John J. Foley<br>Colrain, Mass.    |
| 26—Joseph Arthur Vivori<br>Eleanor Mary Thibodeau | Rev. George J. Friel<br>Colrain, Mass.  |

July :

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| 9—Leonard H. Call<br>Ellen L. Plimpton             | Frank Oldridge<br>Colrain, Mass.  |
| 29—William Steven McCarthy<br>Kathleen Ann Maloney | George J. Friel<br>Colrain, Mass. |

August :

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| 26—John H. Underwood<br>Ruth E. Gordon           | George J. Friel<br>Buckland, Mass. |
| 26—William F. Gaffigan<br>Mildred R. Grandmaison | Leonard B. Burke<br>Colrain, Mass. |

September :

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| 2—Russell K. James<br>Betty A. Bennett     | John J. Foley<br>Colrain, Mass.      |
| 10—Robert E. Purinton<br>Beverly K. Call   | Howard D. Gould<br>Colrain, Mass.    |
| 16—Raymond A. Giard<br>Norma J. Herzig     | John J. Foley<br>Buckland, Mass.     |
| 30—Richard L. Brooks<br>Ruth N. Fitzgerald | George A. Merrill<br>Buckland, Mass. |

October :

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| 14—William G. Schechterle<br>Gertrude (Dickinson) Burdick | W. H. Wakefield<br>Charlemont, Mass.    |
| 21—Donald P. Maloney<br>June M. Deveney                   | Rev. James E. Cronin<br>Buckland, Mass. |

November :

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| 4—John E. Coutu<br>Cecile A. Corbiere        | Rev. James E. Cronin<br>Colrain, Mass.     |
| 12—David L. Hamilton<br>Sylvia M. Lawrence   | Albert H. Ballor<br>Heath, Mass.           |
| 23—Calvin B. Ainsworth<br>Joan E. Purrington | Rev. George K. Carter<br>Greenfield, Mass. |

December :

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2—Walter F. Westlake<br>Lila A. Call  | Albert W. Jackson<br>Falmouth, Mass.    |
| 5—Weston W. Goodnow<br>Ruby M. Martin | Raymond E. Fiedler<br>Greenfield, Mass. |



# DEATHS RECORDED IN COLRAIN

IN THE YEAR 1950

IN THE YEAR 1930			Age		
Date	Name	Place of Death	Years	Mos.	Days
January :					
10—	Lenore (Pelletier) LaPierre	Colrain	90	8	17
30—	Charles Bothlyn	Colrain	81	6	10
February :					
3—	Henry Hollis Dennison	Colrain	88	3	29
27—	Napoleon Fortin	Greenfield	76	5	20
March :					
3—	Frederick Joseph Johnson	Colrain	71	10	4
4—	Wilson Gurden Hillman	Colrain	72	10	13
8—	Marion Sophia (Miller) Townsend	Colrain	85	8	1
17—	John J. Savage	Colrain	77	9	11
31—	Irene Ethel (Briton) Wells	Greenfield	49	1	25
April :					
25—	Donald Miller	Colrain	16	1	28
June :					
12—	Leon T. Duprey	Greenfield	44	4	3
12—	Hollis Robert Carr	Springfield	43	6	5
27—	Sarah (Bushey) Riel	Colrain	87	11	4
July :					
1—	Edtih (LaPlante) Herzig	Colrain	77	3	28
August :					
3—	Olive (Holmes) Miller	Greenfield	91	1	10
September :					
3—	Infant Hager	Greenfield	0	0	0
7—	Moses T. Billiel	Colrain	76	4	6
14—	Thomas J. O'Connor	Colrain	62	0	0
October :					
14—	Tracy Cole Pope	Colrain	80	9	26
14—	Edith (Homer) Pope	Colrain	80	2	10
15—	Terah S. Ayer	Colrain	84	2	9
November :					
15—	Wilfred E. Galipo	Montague	68	7	25
December :					
21—	Henry Edward Caron, Jr.	Framingham	33	3	20
22—	Adona (Courtmanche) Delude	Colrain	73	3	2

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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Cash on hand, January 1, 1950	\$ 82,952.28
1949, Taxes	\$ 3,451.45
1949, Excise	734.22
1949, Interest on Taxes	50.00
1949, Collector's Costs	3.65
1950, Motor Vehicle Excise	8,302.13
1950, Poll Taxes	832.00
1950, Personal Taxes	19,958.99
1950, Real Estate	46,975.33
1950, Poll Interest	.17
1950, Excise Interest	.70
1950, Real Estate Interest	23.99
1950, Personal Property Interest	10.46
1950, Collector's Cost	48.45
Income Tax	14,537.26
Corporation Tax	10,647.42
Loss of Taxes	231.97
Meals Tax, O. A. A.	474.22
Inspection of Animals	40.50
Tuition and Transportation	2,977.61
Superintendent of Schools	1,225.91
Vocational Education	1,584.38
High School Transportation	12,243.30
Veterans' Service	395.52
Federal Grants :	
Old Age Assistance	12,133.14
Old Age Assistance Administration	280.10
Aid of Dependent Children	889.98
Aid of Dependent Children Administration	17.44
State Aid to Highways	26,301.27
Old Age Assistance	9,763.84
Aid to Dependent Children	984.78
State Peddler's License	6.00
Dog Fund	383.79
Dog Licenses	464.60
Selectmen's Licenses	1,217.00
Street Lights	428.16
County Aid to Highways	1,499.63
School Supplies Sold	2.47
Advertising	5.50

Sealer of Weights & Measures	39.40
Wild Cat Reimbursements	30.00
Fines	50.00
Miscellaneous Supplies Sold	14.46
Trust Funds:	
Merrifield Fund	2,000.00
Quintus Allen Fund	350.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care:	
Meetinghouse Cemetery—Kemp Lot	3.51
East Colrain—Kemp Lot	17.57
Brick Cemetery—Browning Lot	3.51
Christian Hill Cemetery—Burrington Lot	.67
North River Cemetery—Miller Dennison	3.51
Payroll Deductions:	
Withholding Tax	2,843.12
Massachusetts Retirement System	1,223.21
County of Franklin Retirement System	307.13
Machinery Earnings	1,897.50
Refund:	
Old Age Assistance	714.71
Schools	5.00
Welfare	660.00
Truck Insurance Dividend	15.19
School Loan	185,000.00
Premium on Loan	2,847.15
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	\$377,153.18
Cash Balance, December 31, 1949	82,952.28
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	\$460,105.46
Total Payments	\$239,834.28
Cash Balance, December 31, 1950	220,271.18
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	\$460,105.46

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH, Treasurer.



# BOARD OF ASSESSORS'

## REPORT

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Town Appropriation voted since 1949	\$168,748.75
Veterans' Service Center	444.00
State Parks and Reservations	148.23
Under-estimate on State Parks & Reservations in 1948	47.82
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	413.67
Under-estimate of Municipal Accts. in 1948	55.00
County Tax	6,518.64
Under-estimate of County Tax in 1948	375.65
County of Franklin Retirement System	166.44
Overlay of Current Year	3,039.95
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/> \$179,958.15

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS and AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	\$ 15,092.99
Corporation Taxes	12,605.57
Reimbursement of State owned land	282.69
Old Age Tax (meals) Chapter 643	458.59
Chap. 804 Acts of 1949	813.73
Motor Vehicles and Trailer Excise	5,000.00
Licenses	800.00
General Government	400.00
Health and Sanitation	100.00
Charities	700.00
Old Age Assistance, other than Federal Grants	7,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	500.00
Schools (funds from Income Tax not included)	13,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	50.00
Voted from Reserve Fund	50,788.85
	<hr/> \$108,092.42
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	<hr/> \$ 71,865.73

### RECAPITULATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

#### PERSONAL

Stock in Trade	\$ 19,160.00
Machinery	21,860.00
Live Stock	212,130.00
Other Tangible Property	231,065.00
	<hr/> \$484,215.00

## REAL ESTATE

Land exclusive of buildings	\$325,390.00
Buildings exclusive of Land	765,300.00
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Total Valuation of Real Estate	\$1,089,690.00
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Total Valuation of Assessed Estate	\$1,573,905.00
Tax Rate for 1950 — \$45.00 per \$1,000.00	

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

No. of Horses Assed	136
No. of Cows Assessed	760
Other Neat Cattle Assessed	432
Swine Assessed	42
Sheep Assessed	86
Fowl Assessed	21,078
Goats Assessed	29
Acres of Land Assessed	26,411
Houses Assessed	384

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. PURINGTON, Chairman,

OSCAR R. FAIRBANKS,

FRANK A. BROWN, Clerk of Board.

## AUTOMOBILE EXCISE

Date	No.	Value	Excise
March 21 —	49	\$ 20,450.00	\$ 882.66
April 27 —	39	13,200.00	526.83
May 4 —	181	50,770.00	2,207.84
July 3 —	132	40,770.00	1,540.70
July 17 —	32	11,160.00	376.40
Sept. 12 —	99	30,900.00	1,151.30
Oct. 10 —	137	53,050.00	1,596.26
Dec. 11 —	138	34,980.00	707.35
Dec. 15 —	19	11,810.00	297.20
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	826	\$267,090.00	\$ 9,286.54

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FROM MARCH 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1950

1949 Outstanding Real Estate Tax	\$	17.92
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## POLL TAXES, 1950

Commitment per warrants	\$	1,040.00
Additional commitments		10.00
	—	\$ 1,050.00
Paid to Treasurer		832.00
Abatements		218.00
	—	\$ 1,050.00

## PERSONAL TAXES, 1950

Commitment per warrant	\$	21,789.98
Abatement after payment, refunded		9.00
	—	\$ 21,798.98
Payments to Treasurer		19,958.99
Abatements		36.00
Outstanding, December 31, 1950		1,803.99
	—	\$ 21,798.98

## REAL ESTATE TAXES, 1950

Commitment per warrant	\$	49,657.40
Abatement after payment, refunded		5.62
	—	\$ 49,663.02
Payments to Treasurer		46,975.33
Abatements		113.19
Outstanding, December 31, 1950		2,568.87
Tax Titles		5.63
	—	\$ 49,663.02

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, 1950

Commitments per warrants	\$	9,286.54
Abatements after payment, refunded		98.84
	—	\$ 9,385.38
Payments to Treasurer		8,298.60
Abatements		414.96
Outstanding, December 31, 1950		671.82
	—	\$ 9,385.38



#### INTEREST ON TAXES

1949 Taxes	\$	50.00	
1950 Motor Vehicle Excise		.70	
1950 Poll Tax		.17	
1950 Real Estate		23.99	
1950 Personal Tax		10.46	
		<hr/>	\$ 85.32

#### COLLECTOR'S COSTS

T1950	\$	52.10
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Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE W. BOOTH,  
Tax Collector.

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## REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

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I herewith submit my report as chief of the Fire Department. In the past year we have had fourteen calls for fires. I credit these few calls to the people of Colrain for being what I consider, "fire conscious".

We have completed another ten weeks training course for firemen under the direction of Captain Leslie L. Ackerman of Greenfield. In the ten weeks the men put in twenty hours. This training is very important to every man and might someday avert an awful tragedy.

We are going to have another first aid class as soon as possible. This is a volunteer department and more men in town should come out for it. There are some sections of town which have no representatives in this work.

Permits for open air fires are required, by law, the year around. I wish to thank everyone who has in any way helped the department to make this past year better and safer.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. WALDEN,  
Fire Chief.

# Veterans' Agent Report

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The request total for assistance for 1950 was 863, which is less than in 1949, but the actual work-load of the office has been heavier this year.

Veterans' Benefit cases totalled 23 this year, with a total payment in the district of \$6,824.09, as compared with \$4,636.66 in 1949 for 21 cases. Both permanent and temporary cases require home visits by the Agent, detailed financial and personal history reports, as well as medical and hospital records. Much detail work has been done in this department.

All payments made through the Veterans Benefit department have been approved by the State Commissioner of Veterans Services, and reimbursements have been received by the Town Treasurers for the State's share of the expense, which is 50%.

Records and affidavits are being maintained at this office as required by law, relative to burial of deceased veterans.

Considerable time has been spent with the veterans expecting to be recalled to service, and with Selective Service questionnaires and registrations.

The Veterans Administration Contact representative continues to visit this office every other Wednesday afternoon. His assistance has been valuable in filing pension claims and other Federal applications.

Progress is being made in copying military records for the Towns in the District. Photostatic work is done on Tuesday of each week, and 1373 prints were made of military records, vital statistics, bills, etc., needed for records and evidence in Veterans Administration claims.

The interest and cooperation of the District Veterans Service Committee has been very helpful and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT,  
Director.

# GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

## RECEIPTS

		General Maintenance	
Balance on hand January 1, 1950	\$	370.69	\$ 257.43
Town of Colrain		800.00	
Interest on Bonds		338.00	110.00
Interest on Savings Bank			2.68
From Franklin Savings Institution for Treasurers Bond		40.00	
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	\$	1,548.69	\$ 370.11
Thompson building fund	\$	1,350.29	
Franklin Savings Institution	\$	1,727.14	

## DISBURSEMENTS

Librarian	\$	300.00	
Janitor		156.00	
Books & Magazines		282.81	
Fuel		160.53	
Lights		36.29	
Safe Deposit Box		4.80	
General Repairs		1.90	18.53
Insurance			29.48
Treasurers Bond		40.00	
Water		3.00	
Bank Charges		5.05	
Supplies		7.93	
Book Binding		31.69	
New Checks		3.46	
Minott for Invitations		8.00	
Speaker		10.00	
Balance on hand January 1, 1951		497.23	322.10
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	\$	1,548.69	\$ 370.11

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. CARPENTER,  
Treasurer.

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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To the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library :

Herewith is submitted the report of the Librarian for the year ending December 31, 1950.

During the year 164 books, 114 adult and 50 juvenile were added to the Library, of these 47 were gifts. One gift especially appreciated was a copy of "Boy Captive of Old Deerfield," as these books are out of print at present. If anyone has any of Mary Wells Smith's books which they would like to give to the Library we would be very glad to receive them. A copy of "The Venerable House" published at the time of the 200th anniversary of the Congregational Church was presented by Karlton Johnson. Mr. Johnson has also given the "Times" magazine and Herbert Nichols "The Nation's Business." Several requested books of non-fiction have been borrowed from Division of Public Libraries in Boston. Two hundred and ninety-seven books were discarded and approximately 260 seldom used books were removed to the basement where stacks had been built by the trustees to relieve the congested condition of the book shelves. Twenty-three books were re-bound, including two volumes of Colrain Town Reports, bringing Reports up to date.

The Library circulation was 5,507, adult 3,958, juvenile 1,549. Bookmobile circulation was 2,869, adult 1,936, juvenile 933, making a total circulation of 8,376, a slight increase over last year. The circulation of non-fiction was 2,646. The State Bookmobile made seven visits to the town.

School children have received 79 Reading Certificates as follows: Grade IV, 4 five-book, Grade V, 12 five-book, Grade VI, 45 five-book and 1 Honor, Grade VII, 1 five-book and Grade VIII, 16 five-book.

During the year the Librarian gave a talk to a group of Girl Scouts on the use of the Library, and later several girls came in for a few hours of practical work as part of their Community Service requirements.

In order to present to the public the increasing needs of the Library, the Book Committee, Karlton Johnson, Chairman, sponsored a very successful "Open House" at the Library during "Good Book Week" in November with John A. Humphry, Librarian of Springfield City Library, as guest speaker with visiting Librarians from Shelburne, Shelburne Falls and Greenfield attending. At that time new books were on display. We are indebted to the Grange for delicious refreshments which added much to the sociability of the occasion. Through the interest of Mr. Humphry we have since received a gift of 34 books from Springfield City Library.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. READ, Librarian.



# DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

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Balance on hand January 1, 1950	\$	375.16
Receipts :		
Fees collected by nurse	\$	661.50
Fees paid by Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.		81.08
Interest on Bonds		17.50
Fees paid by John Hancock Life Ins. Co.		6.00
Paid by Massachusetts Bonding Co.		12.00
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Total Receipts	\$	778.08
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Total Cash	\$	1,153.24
Disbursements :		
Telephone	\$	18.00
Garage Rent		24.00
Upkeep of Car		215.92
Insurance & Registration of Car		89.13
Car Payments		630.00
Miscellaneous Supplies		22.62
Filing Cabinet		44.95
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Total Disbursements	\$	1,044.62
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Total Cash on Hand	\$	108.62
Invested in War Bonds, Series G.		700.00
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Total Assets December 31, 1950	\$	808.62

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN K. CROMACK, R. N.  
Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NURSE

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The Colrain District Nursing Association has contracts with two Insurance Companies, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, which enables individuals holding policies with either Company to receive nursing service, with certain restrictions, paid for by the Company.

A contract is also held with the Veterans' Administration to provide nursing service to eligible veterans.

The Association continues to purchase standard cod liver oil, which helps to improve the health of our families.

	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Visits</i>
1. Non-communicable disease service	55	1204
2. Crippled Children's service	11	34
3. Communicable disease service		
a. Acute communicable disease.	4	4
b. Tuberculosis	5	7
4. Maternity service:		
a. Antepartum	16	36
b. Deliveries	9	
c. Postpartum	15	54
5. Infant and Preschool Health Service:		
a. Newborn infants	15	62
b. Infants—one month to one year old	21	40
c. Preschool	35	83
6. School Health Service	47	131
7. Adult Health Service	11	18
8. Unclassified nursing visits:		
a. Visits to cases not at home		38
b. Visits to persons not taken under care		50
9. Total	235	1761
10. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company		43
11. John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company		8
12: Other Services:		
a. Minor operations		22
b. Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, immunization clinic		81
c. Well Child Conference		129
d. Diabetic observation		304
e. Out of town clinic service and transportations:		Trips
1. Patient home from Franklin County Hospital		1

2. Child home from school	2
3. Patient to Shelburne Falls Convalescent Home	1
4. Doctor's office — Greenfield	7
5. Doctor's office — Shelburne Falls	2
6. Doctor's office — Colrain	1
7. Consultation Clinic — Greenfield	1
8. Crippled Children's Clinic — Greenfield	8
9. Crippled Children's Service — Springfield	1
10. Children's Hospital — Boston	1
11. Greenfield Health Camp	2

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.

## Report of Central Franklin Welfare District

### Receipts :

Town of Shelburne	\$1,600.00
Town of Colrain	1,056.00
Town of Ashfield	544.00
	<hr/> \$3,200.00

Administration — OAA, U. S. Gr.	\$ 548.15
April, May, June, July, August, Sept.	404.78
Total	<hr/> \$ 952.93

Administration — ADC, U. S. Gr.	
April, May, June	\$ 70.15
July, Aug., Sept.	46.88
Total	<hr/> \$ 117.03

### State Refunds :

April, May, June	\$ 458.51
July, Aug., Sept.	336.06
Total	<hr/> \$ 794.57

Total Receipts \$5,064.53

### Payments :

Carolyn M. Caswell	\$1,670.00
Florence W. Booth	625.23
Joseph R. Amstein, Treas.	50.00
Travel	88.22
Office Supplies and Expense	490.51
Repairs	928.04
Total Payments	<hr/> \$3,852.00

Balance \$1,212.53

JOSEPH R. AMSTEIN, Treas.

# BALANCE SHEET TOWN OF COLRAIN AUDITOR

GENERAL ACCOUNTS — December 31, 1950

## ASSETS

Cash:			
General,	\$220,271.18		\$ 1,550.00
Library,	497.23		3,936.35
	<u>          </u>		497.23

## Accounts Receivable:

Taxes 1949	17.92		
Taxes 1950:			
Personal Property \$ 1,803.99			
Real Estate	2,568.87		
	<u>          </u>		
	4,372.86		

           4,390.78

## Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1950, 671.82

Tax Titles, 32.28

## Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 387.61		
Old Age Assistance,	139.01		
Schools	53.39		
	<u>          </u>		
	580.01		

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Sale of Real Estate Fund	\$ 1,550.00
Road Machinery Fund	3,936.35
Griswold Memorial Library	497.23
Trust Fund Income:	
Quintus Allen School Fund	\$ 499.04
William S. Kemp Meeting House	
Hill Cemetery Fund	9.53
William S. Kemp, East Colrain	
Cemetery Fund	3.01
Grace A. Tenney, Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Fund	.67

           512.25

Premium on School Loan 2,209.52

## Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Aid \$ 325.40

Administration 107.85

Old Age Assistance, 139.01

Assistance 839.52

Administration 269.00

           1,541.77



Aid to Highways:		Unexpended Appropriation Balances:	
State	\$ 5,611.44	History of Colrain	\$ 1,914.39
County	1,000.00	New Town Building	18,700.00
	<hr/> 6,611.44	Taylor Brook Road	1.64
Underestimates 1950:		New Elementary School Building	131,964.54
State Parks & Reservations Tax	\$ 47.89	Flood Damage	1,000.00
County Tax	119.96		<hr/> 153,580.57
Revenue 1951:		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	4,899.54
School Appropriation	1,200.00	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1949	\$ 17.92
		Levy of 1950	2,674.31
			<hr/> 2,692.23
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	\$ 671.82
		Tax Title	32.28
		Departmental	580.01
		Aid To Highways	6,611.44
			<hr/> 7,895.55
		Surplus Revenue	55,107.58
			<hr/> \$234,422.59
	<hr/> \$234,422.59		

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt.

\$185,000.00

School Loan

\$185,000.00

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In custody of Town Treasurer

\$ 3,017.72

In custody of Library Treasurer

16,399.53

Davenport Relief Fund

\$ 1,199.22

Permanent Honor Roll Fund

18.50

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Annie Browning Fund

260.00

Miller and Dennison Fund

200.00

William S. Kemp, Meeting House

Hill Fund

200.00

William S. Kemp, East Colrain  
Fund

1,000.00

Martha L. Babbitt Fund

100.00

Grace A. Tenney Fund

100.00

—————\$ 3,017.72

Griswold Memorial Library Funds:

General Fund

\$ 13,077.43

Maintenance Fund

3,322.10

————— 16,399.53

—————  
\$ 19,417.25

—————  
\$ 19,417.25

Sold at 101.539

Principal \$185,000.00

Premium 2,847.15

56	21-24	4,000.00
57	25-28	4,000.00
58	28-32	4,000.00
59	33-36	4,000.00
60	37-40	4,000.00
61	41-44	4,000.00
62	45-48	4,000.00
63	49-52	4,000.00
64	53-56	4,000.00
65	57-60	4,000.00
66	61	1,000.00
67	62	1,000.00
68	63	1,000.00
69	64	1,000.00
70	65	1,000.00
		\$185,000.00

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## Buckland — Colrain — Shelburne

First Winter Term—7 and 8 weeks:

Opens — Tuesday, January 2, 1951

Closes — Friday, February 16, 1951 — Elementary

Closes — Tuesday, February 20, 1951 — High

Elementary Vacation, one week — High, three days

Second Winter Term — 7 weeks:

Opens — Monday, February 26, 1951

Closes — Friday, April 13, 1951

Vacation, one week

Good Friday



Spring Term — 7 and 8 weeks :

Opens — Monday, April 23, 1951

Memorial Day

Closes—Friday noon, June 8, 1951 — Elementary

Closes — Friday, June 15, 1951 — High

### Tentative Calendar

Fall Term — 16 weeks :

Opens — Wednesday, September 5, 1951

Fair Day

Teachers' Convention, Columbus Day and Armistice Day

Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday noon, November 21, to the following Monday.

Closes — Friday noon, December 21, 1951

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1950

		Recommended	
		Appropriations	Expenditures Budget 1951
GENERAL EXPENSES:			
Secretaries' Salaries	\$ 700.00	\$ 626.24	\$ 700.00
Office Expense	200.00	174.24	200.00
Census	30.00	30.00	30.00
Postage, Stationery, Express, etc.	100.00	60.68	100.00
Superintendent's Salary	1,700.00	1,775.00	1,900.00
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
INSTRUCTION:			
Supervisors' Salaries	1,974.00	1,977.84	2,075.00
Supervisors' Other Expenses	150.00	150.39	150.00
Teachers' Salaries	21,387.00	21,345.94	24,000.00
Substitutes	300.00	234.50	300.00
Textbooks	600.00	450.67	600.00
Supplies	850.00	1,034.12	1,000.00
EXPENSES OF OPERATION:			
Wages of Janitors, etc.	2,000.00	2,071.00	2,200.00
Fuel	1,200.00	765.85	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	350.00	350.25	300.00
MAINTENANCE:			
Repairs, Replacements, etc.	350.00	258.41	300.00

# AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Libraries	105.00	104.82	100.00
Health	145.00	133.39	145.00
Transportation			
High	5,000.00	4,843.10	5,000.00
Elementary	8,000.00	9,203.90	9,000.00
Tuition			
High	11,500.00	12,068.79	12,000.00
Elementary		139.86	
Miscellaneous	75.00	101.58	75.00
New Equipment	100.00	7.13	
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	\$ 57,016.00	\$ 58,107.70	\$ 61,575.00
Special Appropriation	1,200.00		
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	\$ 58,206.00		
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	4,000.00	5,180.06	5,000.00
Special Appropriation	1,200.00		
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Total Appropriation	5,200.00		
Reimbursement from the State		1,584.38	
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Balance, Net Cost of Vocational Education		3,595.68	
QUINTUS ALLEN FUND	594.70	95.66	
Misc. Ex. Op.	90.45		
Supplies	5.21		

## REIMBURSEMENTS

### From State Treasurer:

General School Fund, Chap. 70	\$ 10,662.26	
Transportation, High & Elem.	12,243.30	
Superintendent of Schools	1,225.91	
Tuition & Trans., State Wards	1,105.88	
Tuition & Trans., State Wards (1949)	1,361.32	
Elementary Tuition and Transportation	510.41	
Books and Supplies Sold	2.47	
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Total Receipts for 1950		\$ 27,111.55
From Town Funds		30,996.15

ROCKWELL E. DONELSON, Chairman

AGNES C. PURINGTON, Secretary

WILFRED E. MILLER

# Report of SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Colrain:

I submit herewith the annual report for the public schools for the year 1950.

Since the school union is in effect a single school system, having a common high school, I shall make the same report to all three towns.

It would be nice if one could judge the value of a school as one would a product of industry by careful measurement of size, fineness of grain, temper, and durability. Progress in education is more intangible. We like to think that we have the best schools, and this is a healthy attitude so long as it does not lead to complacency. If we are to have the schools we think we have it is necessary that we remain alert to retain educational practices which have been found by experience to be sound, and to be just as ready to adopt practices which, though new to us are proving in current use to be superior. We are hearing on all sides that modern schools must be functional. To meet this requirement school equipment, including buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, classrooms, and shops must be arranged and equipped to meet the needs of the courses of studies to be taught, and the courses of study must be adapted to prepare the students to be well adjusted and useful citizens in the only area of the world whose citizens are trained in self government.

The responsibility inherent in the above requirement is so great as to be appalling. Upon the success of the gigantic American experiment in public education, depends the probability of remaining for long a self governing people.

Accomplishment of this requirement does not necessarily mean that all existing buildings and curricula should be abandoned and immediately replaced by all new buildings and curricula. Education evolves. The best of the old blends in with the best of the new. Most older buildings can be adapted to the needs of the present, and new buildings can be built to provide for the future so far as current insight can foresee, to replace such buildings as cannot be economically made to meet current educational needs.

The ease of modern transportation is leading to the consolidation of schools. Collecting children into larger groups is of value only so far as

it results in a better educational offering for all children, and opportunity for each student to receive instruction in the arts and crafts most likely to prepare him to understand the broader concepts of modern civilization, to accept his responsibilities in a society of self governing people, and render a satisfactory service in a specific vocation commensurate with his interests and abilities.

Experience seems to be proving that the gathering of students in groups ranging from 400 to 1000 offers opportunity to provide instructors who possess the abilities necessary to more adequately serve the children.

It has been possible during the past two years to consolidate most grades. A teacher who has one grade can give more attention to individuals and groups who need help and provide a richer experience for those who are interested to do more than the average. Shelburne has single grades in grades one through four. Colrain in all grades. There are advantages in having upper grade pupils work with two or more teachers, and this is present practice in all three towns.

#### REGIONAL PLANNING:

The towns of Buckland, Colrain, Shelburne and Heath have, by vote of a town meeting authorized the appointment of a Regional School Planning Board under the provisions of Chapter 638 of the General Laws of 1949.

The duty of the planning board is to determine if a regional school is desirable.

If the Planning Board decides that a regional school is desirable it has the additional duty to prepare a proposed agreement setting forth:

1. The number, composition, method of selection, and terms of office of the members of the regional district school committee.
2. The town or towns in which the regional district school or schools are to be located.
3. The type of regional district school or schools. (Under this item it will be necessary to recommend the grades to be included and courses of study to be offered.)
4. The method of apportioning the expenses of the regional school district, and the method of apportioning the costs of school construction, including any interest and retirement of principal of any bonds or other obligations issued by the district among the several towns comprising the district, and the time and manner of payment of the shares of the several towns of any such expense.
5. The method by which school transportation shall be provided, and

if such transportation is to be furnished by the district, the manner in which the expenses shall be borne by the several towns.

6. The terms by which any town may be admitted to or separated from the regional school district.

7. The method by which the agreement may be amended.

8. The detailed procedure for the preparation and adoption of an annual budget.

9. Any other matters not incompatible with the law which said board may deem advisable.

The proposed agreement is then submitted to the voters of all towns for approval. Two or more towns may enter into such an agreement and operate a part or all of their schools on a regional basis. The more the parents become interested in school planning the more likely will be a wise choice of organization.

#### PROGRESS TO DATE:

Colrain is building an eight room elementary school designed to provide for grades one through six.

Buckland has in Crittenden School a building entirely adequate for a six grade school providing for present enrolments.

Shelburne can house the first six grades at the Center and Baker Schools.

All these buildings will prove to be adequate as six grade schools for the immediate future.

Two recommendations might be given consideration:

1. To form a Regional School District to operate Arms Academy as a four year high school. This would give a group of towns some experience in joint operation and maintenance without involving the joint responsibility of capital outlay for new buildings.

2. To give early consideration to the building of a new unit to house the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, including adequate space for vocational shops and industrial arts. This building program should provide adequate athletic fields and playground areas.

3. A third consideration, which would probably be more easily accepted, would be to build a school for senior high grades, including the same shops and laboratories for vocational education. While more attractive to most of us this later might not prove to be as valuable in a long range plan as the building of a Junior High School.

The school lunch program has been established by law as a direct re-



sponsibility of the school committee. Money appropriated for this purpose becomes a part of a separate revolving fund, so receipts from all sources may be added and used immediately for operating expense. The net cost to the town should be small.

The index of the Cost of Living as computed by the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries averaged 164.2 percent of the average for the years 1938-1939. Cost of living adjustments averaging \$67.50 per teacher therefore become effective February 1, 1951.

TESTING:

We are interested in checking the results of our teaching against more general standards. This is done by administering a reputable standardized test to the pupils of all grades. We gain from this test a comparison of our grade standings with thousands of other grade pupils who have taken the same test. We like to rate above the average, but if we don't we need to keep in mind that if some are not below average the average will move up. Also our test results are an important aid in adjusting our course of study to meet the needs of the times. It is my firm conviction that most children can be taught to read well in the grades, and that the important foundation for good reading is laid in the primary grades. We used the Iowa Every Pupil Tests of Basic Skills in grades three through eight, and the Metropolitan Achievement Test for grades one and two. As of the spring of 1950 tests results in reading were as follows in Buckland, Colrain and Shelburne.

	Grades								Spread in Ability	Acceleration
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
5% of pupils read at or better than following grade level	3.0	4.9	5.0	7.5	7.1	9.3	10.7	11	.8	3
25% of pupils read at or better than following grade level	2.4	-3.8	4.0	5.5	6.8	7.9	8.5	9.5	7.5	1.5
50% of pupils read at or better than following grade level	2.0	3.4	3.5	4.4	5.8	6.8	7.6	8.6	6.6	-2
75% of pupils read at or better than following grade level	1.8	2.8	3.1	3-5	4.2	6.0	6.6	7.3	5.5	-1.5
95% of pupils read at or better than following grade level	1.5	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.2	4.8	4.7	5.6	4.1	-3.2

It should be noted that only about 5% or one in twenty pupils cannot

read at fifth grade level at the end of the eighth grade. This achievement will enable one to comprehend most material in current publications.

Also it is interesting to note that there is little apparent gain in reading from grade two to three. This is because the test material used in grades three on is much more difficult than that used in grades one or two. Also it is in grades three and four that many new subjects are introduced. By the end of the fourth grade the pupil has made his adjustment and progress is more uniform in the succeeding grades.

Since ability to read conditions a child's ability to understand explanatory material, test scores in other subjects tend to fall in line with reading scores.

The above study may seem to many to be irrelevant, but it is through analysis and research that we are able to increase academic efficiency and improve teaching techniques.

The cooperation and council of the School Committee and all members of the staff has made 1950 a very pleasant year. It is hoped that everyone will feel free to make suggestions which they feel will make their work pleasanter, and service to the children better.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the important reports of the special teachers, the school physician and the school nurse.

Sincerely,

EDWIN J. HARRIMAN

# TOWN OF COLRAIN

## MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE OCTOBER 1, 1950

	AGE (Boys)													
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total	
1	3	8	3										14	
2		6	13	4									23	
3				10	5	1							16	
4					8	4	1	2					15	
5					1	11	6			1			19	
6						2	10	1	2		2		17	
7								8	2				10	
8										5	3	1	1	10
Total	3	14	16	14	14	18	17	11	9	4	3	1	124	

AGE (Girls)														Total
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
1	3	10	2										15	
2		4	10	1									15	
3			1	11	3								15	
4				2	3	2							7	
5					1	6	3						10	
6								5	5	1			11	
7							2	7	1				10	
8								1	6	2	2		11	
Total	3	14	13	14	7	8	5	13	12	3	2		94	

## SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1950

Ages	5-7	7-14	14-16	Totals
Boys	28	105	31	164
Girls	39	76	26	141
Totals	67	181	57	305







exhibitions and also in Boston. There were many more winners this year than ever before.

This year, for the first time, Kendall Mills sponsored a safety poster contest for all Colrain school children. It was very successful both as a school and a community project, and did much to strengthen this relationship. Art supplies were given as prizes.

The Arms Academy art class had a successful year and were fortunate enough to walk away with both first and second prizes in the Franklin County maple syrup label contest. The Household Arts class exhibited some very fine stencil textiles at the school exhibition.

Special art appreciation pictures were displayed in each class in commemoration of American Art Week.

It would not be possible for me to carry out my program without the whole hearted cooperation of every classroom teacher, school official and parent, for which I am grateful.

It is my sincere desire to provide, at every stage of a child's development, those experiences, methods, and materials needed to enable each individual to acquire understandings, habits, skills, appreciations, concepts, and satisfactions essential to happiness and success in a democratic society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. SHEA,

Art Supervisor.

# REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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In general, the musical situation in the schools of Colrain can be viewed optimistically. The attitude of the pupils, with a few exceptions seems to be receptive to the program.

The primary grades, in addition to their regular singing, are doing a considerable amount of work in rhythm activities. Music reading is begun in the third grade and carried on in a progressive manner through the rest of the grades. We have had some very outstanding work from many pupils, while others are capable of doing better. A great deal of part singing has been attempted and a great deal of it has been of high quality and some only average. Music appreciation work is carried out in all grades as much as time will permit.

I am glad to report that there are now sixteen boys and girls taking instrumental lessons. This is an increase over last year. I would like to encourage even more to consider the possibility of an instrument. It could be an excellent and profitable hobby for your child.

Colrain students are playing a very important part in the music program at Arms Academy. Thirteen of the thirty-six members of the band are Colrain students, as is the drum majorette. The band has kept busy with many public appearances. They were as follows:

All football games	Memorial Day Parade
Home basketball games	Spring Day
Booster Day Rally	One Act Plays
Senior Play	Western Mass. Festival
Halloween Parade	Annual Spring Concert
Heath Fair	Graduation

The Academy Chorus consists of approximately 135 members, a great many who are Colrain Students. They are now preparing for the Spring Concert and it is my hope that a portion of them may be able to perform at the Western Massachusetts Festival in May.

The Spring Concert was very successful and the students performed commendably before a large and appreciative audience. I appreciate the support

of the townspeople at this affair and hope it may continue to merit your support.

I appreciate the help and cooperation of the teachers, school officials and townspeople, without whose support, a successful music program would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY H. SMITHERS,

Supervisor.

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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The annual physical examinations have been completed by Dr. Olson, school physician. Gowns made by the Household Arts Department of Arms Academy were used for the first time this year, with a great deal of satisfaction. Members of the Parent Teachers' Associations assisted.

All children were weighed and measured in the spring and fall. Eye tests with the Massachusetts Vision Test have been started. The audiometer tests will be given later in the school year.

The immunization clinic which includes immunization to whooping cough and tetanus as well as diphtheria was held with a total of 81 children attending. About 93% of the preschool children have received the triple immunization. Of the school children to the age of 13 years, about 90% have received diphtheria immunization, 40% have received tetanus immunization, and 80% have had whooping cough or have had whooping cough immunization.

The Well Child Conference was held with 129 children attending, 16 of these entered school in the fall.

### Accomplishments :

12 Tonsillectomies

2 Children taken home from school

1 Child taken to doctor's office

3 Children taken to dentist

5 Children to Crippled Children's Clinic, Greenfield

1 Child to Springfield — Crippled Children's Service

1 Child to Children's Hospital, Boston

1 Boy and 1 girl to Greenfield Health Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The work of the Board of Health was performed as usual during the year. There were variable numbers of contagious diseases reported, including chicken pox, whooping cough, mumps, measles, etc.

The Well Child Conferences and Toxoid Clinics were conducted in the usual manner, with a very good response on the part of parents of pre-school children.

Water supplies, dairy farms, dumps and sewage situations have been viewed by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. OLSON, M. D.

Agent, Board of Health.

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# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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Routine physical examinations were made on the pupils in all of the schools during the year and the parents were notified in the usual manner of the defects found.

Epidemics of mumps, whooping cough, chicken pox and measles were in evidence during the year.

In my opinion the general health of the pupils in our schools shows a favorable improvement each year. The number and gravity of defects noted were less than previous years. The response shown by the parents regarding defect notices, continues to be very commendable. The benefit of pre-school examinations is marked by the improved health status of our first graders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. OLSON, M. D.

School Physician.









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